

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Amendment offered by my esteemed colleague from Florida, Mr. POSEY (#25). His Amendment would ensure that the rule recently approved by the Internal Revenue Service requiring that interest payments on foreign deposits be reported to the IRS would not move forward. This is extremely important to the region which I represent, deep South Texas. Our community banks and local economies benefit from investments and deposits from non-residents, and would be harmed by the serious loss of capital caused by these depositors fleeing our communities. Many of these depositors have chosen to bank in the United States because of the stability of our financial institution system. If this ruling goes into effect, and these deposits evaporate, the capacity of these banks to invest in the local economies diminishes.

A Mercatus Center 2004 study of a similar rule projected that \$88 billion of capital would exit United States banks if the rule were to take effect. At a time of extreme economic fragility, we need this capital to stay on our shores. Additionally, many foreign depositors have chosen to bank in the United States for security reasons; their home countries may be politically unstable, and they fear that personal financial information released by the United States may fall into the wrong hands, making them a target.

Lastly, the Internal Revenue Service has exceeded its authority. Foreigners do not pay taxes on interest earned on deposits, so there is no reason for these deposits to be reported to the IRS. Congress intended to attract capital to the United States by allowing these deposits to go interest-free; to force these depositors to report will run contrary to this original intent.

I urge all my colleagues to support this Amendment that will prevent much-needed capital from fleeing the American economy.

RECOGNIZING MR. PHIL WHITFIELD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the civic and cultural contributions of Mr. Phil Whitfield,

a fellow Texan who currently serves as curator for the art collection featured at Cowboys Stadium.

Since growing up in Oak Cliff, Texas, Mr. Whitfield's loyalty to the Dallas Cowboys was inherent, and remains steadfast to this day. He grew up cheering on the Cowboys when their games were at the Cotton Bowl. In 1993, Mr. Whitfield began working as a security guard at Texas Stadium, which served as the home field of the Dallas Cowboys from 1971 to 2008. Mr. Whitfield remained in this position until he was hired to work at the new Cowboys Stadium to oversee the stadium's extensive art collection.

Cowboys Stadium currently features 19 pieces of contemporary art, and Mr. Whitfield works with each artist to create beautiful installations. His passion and appreciation for art comes second only to his devotion to the Cowboys. Mr. Whitfield devotes considerable time and effort to each individual work of art and its respective creator. Today, Cowboys Stadium boasts artistic diversity which millions of fans have long since enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Whitfield's contributions to Texas' beloved Cowboys Stadium. Cowboys fans from all over appreciate how the stadium's collection is being highlighted and maintained by a loyal fan such as Mr. Phil Whitfield.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was not able to cast votes last night. Had I been present—

I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 514.

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I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 518.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN- NIVERSARY OF CAROLINAS MED- ICAL CENTER-NORTHEAST

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast, and the celebration of its 75th Anniversary. Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast is a regional 457-bed, not-for-profit medical center in Concord, NC, delivering top quality care to the community.

Over the past 75 years, Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast has grown from a small, local hospital to a regional referral center, of-

fering state of the art care to thousands. In this time, they have established a reputation for excellence in the areas of cancer care, neurosciences, cardiology, and high risk obstetrics.

In 1937, in an effort to care for his employees, Cannon Mills owner Charles A. Cannon, and George A. Batte, Jr. opened Cabarrus County Hospital. Years later in 1951, in honor of World War II veterans, Cabarrus County Hospital officially changed its name to the Cabarrus Memorial Hospital. During the 1990s, the hospital grew to a 60-acre medical campus with specifically designed centers for women's services, surgery, and cancer and cardiac care. In 2006, NorthEast Medical Center opened the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital, to work to ensure the absolute best care for children in the area. A year later, in 2007, NorthEast Medical Center joined the Carolinas Healthcare System, and assumed its current name, Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast. This hospital, which was conceived to care for workers, is now our area's top employer.

Among the awards and recognition that Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast has received are J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Hospital Program for Excellence in Maternity Services and Emergency Services. The hospital is also a recipient of the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Medal of Honor for organ donation, as well as a "Top Performer" award in patient satisfaction for overall quality from Professional Research Consultants in 2012.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast, as an asset to the people I am proud to represent in North Carolina.

HONORING MR. VAN WHITE

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Van White and to recognize his dedicated service to the great state of Minnesota.

Born on August 2, 1924, Mr. White was a lifelong resident of north Minneapolis. Mr. White first learned how to lead at the age of 10 when the death of his father left him to help raise his four younger siblings. Upon graduating from Patrick Henry High School in 1943, Mr. White entered the work force as a construction worker and later construction site supervisor for the City of Minneapolis where he remained for the next 18 years. He was then appointed to be the acting assistant manager for the Northside Branch of the Minnesota Department of Economic Security, now known as the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Mr. White was passionate about uplifting his community. He was active in organizations

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that focused on economic development and crime reduction, while also advocating for the development of community centers and parks. In 1971, Mr. White founded the Willard Housing Organization, one of the first groups in Minneapolis that sought government loans to repair and rehabilitate the impoverished areas of Minneapolis.

His passion, combined with experience he gained as a community activist, led Mr. White to enter the political arena, where he became the first African American elected to the city council of Minneapolis in 1979. During the ten years Mr. White served on the Minneapolis City Council where he was the chair of the Government Operations Committee and Vice Chair of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency.

Mr. White continued to support his community until he passed away on July 14, 1993. Mr. White is survived by his wife of nearly forty years, Mrs. Javanese White, their daughter Javoni, son Perri and granddaughter Kapria.

Mr. White dedicated over fifty years of his life to community activism. He served on the board of nearly thirty economic and community development programs, and left behind a legacy of uplifting his community. Throughout his life, Mr. White was viewed as a connector, someone who could take ideas to improve the communities of Minneapolis and put those ideas into action. It is only fitting today the Van White Memorial Bridge connects North Minneapolis to downtown Minneapolis in his honor. I urge the citizens of the United States to follow in the steps of Van White, and find ways to serve and improve their own communities.

I truly appreciate everything Mr. White did for Minneapolis, and I thank him and his family for their dedication and service.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DORA FINLEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the contributions of Mrs. Dora Finley, a native of Mobile, Alabama, who recently passed away at the age of 59. During her lifetime, Dora Finley inspired Mobile to recognize its rich heritage while moving the community to remember the vital lessons of the past.

At an early age, Mrs. Finley demonstrated a passion for social issues and an uncommon ability to lead. A graduate of Mobile's Bishop Toolen School for Girls in 1970, Mrs. Finley created the United Student Action Movement while still a high school junior. As head of the Movement, she dedicated herself to addressing issues confronting African-American youth.

Mrs. Finley learned the value of hard work in childhood when she helped sell candy in the family drugstore. She later taught mathematics at John L. Leflore High School before becoming a Loan Officer at Commonwealth National Bank. After earning a Masters' Degree in Business Administration from Spring Hill College, she embarked on a 25 year career in Managerial Logistics with Scott Paper Company/Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Her tenacity to see any job through to completion combined with her dedication to pro-

moting a greater awareness of African-American history in her hometown made her uniquely qualified to assume the one role for which she is best known—the creator of the Mobile African-American Heritage Trail. The Heritage Trail's primary objective is to share Mobile's multicultural legacy from the earliest arrival of African-Americans to the end of segregation. Throughout Mobile County there have been 40 historic markers established by the trail.

City Councilman William Carroll personally credited Mrs. Finley with the creation of the Heritage Trail: "Without Dora, the African-American Heritage Trail would have never been."

Finley also assisted in the making of the 2008 Mobile Mardi Gras documentary "The Order of Myths," produced and directed by Margaret Brown. The film highlights the history of Mobile's black and white mystical societies and the complex interaction between the two.

One of her last projects was raising money to restore the Cook's House at Oakleigh Mansion. The Cook's House is slated to become the first house museum in Mobile dedicated to the African-American experience, offering a historically-accurate accounting of the families that once worked at Oakleigh.

Mr. Speaker, Dora Finley has been described as one of Mobile's strongest advocates of historic preservation and a tireless advocate for equality. Without a doubt, her loss is one that is shared by our entire community.

On behalf of the people of Mobile, I offer my heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Nicole; her mother, Joycelyn Franklin Finley; brothers James and Karlos; sister Joycelyn; and many other family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN HONOR OF DR. I.L. MULLINS, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring community leader and beloved Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. I.L. Mullins, Sr. Sadly, Dr. Mullins passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of his family, friends and the Thomasville, Georgia community.

On Thursday, July 26, 2012, a Musical Memorial Service will be held in honor of Dr. Mullins at First Missionary Baptist Church. On Friday, July 27, 2012, a funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church in Thomasville, Georgia.

Dr. Mullins was born on August 26, 1930, and grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War in the 1950s.

Over the course of his lifetime, Dr. Mullins admirably mastered the balance of his civic responsibilities with his academic accomplishments and religious commitments. After he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College in 1957, he went on to obtain his Masters of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center & Gammon Theological Seminary in 1960. In 1979, Dr. Mullins

received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Faith College in Birmingham, Alabama.

A fierce believer in equality and justice for all, Dr. Mullins was not only a profound theologian but also a strong civic leader. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and was instrumental in organizing the local Thomasville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. Additionally, Dr. Mullins served effectively as Thomas County Commissioner for five-terms that spanned over two decades.

Ordained as a minister on December 29, 1957, Dr. Mullins has served as the Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church since 1961 and was honored by the church for 50 years of dedicated pastoral service last year in a Golden Jubilee Extravaganza.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Dr. Mullins is his dedication to helping others and his passion for promoting equality and peace among individuals from different walks of life. A man of integrity and high moral values, his understanding, compassion and kindness made him a guiding light within the community.

On a personal note, I have been truly blessed by Dr. Mullins' warm friendship and support and I am deeply grateful for his counsel and advice as well as for being a fountain of inspiration for me over the last several years. His motto was, "God's Preachers give their hearers fruit, not flowers." Indeed, Dr. Mullins gave his congregation and all those who have sought his counsel the fruit of the Word to satiate and sustain them throughout the journey of life.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Mullins' wife the former Josephine Lovejoy Ferrell, their children, grandchildren and the members of First Missionary Baptist Church during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes in the House Tuesday afternoon (July 24th), due to testifying before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 502 (the motion on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 738) and 503 (H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 4078 and H.R. 6082).

2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, over two thousand years ago, the

Greeks began a series of competitions that would develop into an international tradition of incredible scale. The Olympic Games serve as an opportunity to demonstrate athletic and mental ability, strength, and spirit for both individuals and nations. The Olympics bring millions of diverse people together, all with one hope: to see their country win. For our Nation, the Olympic Games help us to find our common ground and allow us to come together to support the young men and women who represent our great country.

I am honored to recognize the outstanding individuals from Orange County that will represent our Nation this summer in London, England. For their patriotism and excellence in athletics, I'd like to recognize JW Kumpholz (Water Polo), Courtney Mathewson (Water Polo), Lauren Wenger (Water Polo), Samuel Mikulak (Gymnastics), Tyler Clary (Swimming), Kate Ziegler (Swimming), Russell Holmes (Volleyball), David Lee (Volleyball), Paul Lotman (Volleyball), David Smith (Volleyball), Donald Suxho (Volleyball), Brian Thorton (Volleyball), David McKenzie (Volleyball), Clay Stanley (Volleyball), Sean Rooney (Volleyball), Danielle Scott (Volleyball), Jordan Larson (Volleyball), Matt Anderson (Volleyball), and Reid Priddy (Volleyball). We are all proud of you.

Thank you again, and good luck to each of you. Bring home the gold for Team U.S.A.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF JIMMIE RUTH COOLEY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a true East Texas treasure, Jimmie Ruth Cooley. She is a shining example of hard work and the success that follows.

A three term mayor of her beloved Woodville, Jimmie has been a tireless, enthusiastic advocate for her community, for Tyler County, for East Texas and in fact the Lone Star State where she has left her mark as well.

When it comes to accomplishing tasks and overcoming hurdles—Jimmie has got it covered. One of her dear friends, Mary Jane Neal, summed it up best, saying “She likes to get things done”.

And she has. Over the years Mayor Cooley has served as a board member and a leader in the Deep East Texas Council of Government; Three Rivers Council of Boy Scouts of America; Woodville Independent School District Compass Arts; Tyler County Art League; and Tyler County Hospital Foundation. She's worked tirelessly as president of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Texas Office of Community Affairs Task Force and Deep Texas Regional Review Committee.

Longtime Texas Governor Rick Perry appointed Jimmie to serve on the board of the Lower Neches Valley Authority, where she has talked water with me countless times because she knows how important our lakes and rivers are to our communities in East Texas. And yes, she has a professional career as well—she is a graduate of the American Institute of Real Estate and now a retired real estate agent.

“Yes, Mayor, I'll get on it” are how most of my conversations with Jimmie end. She is a close advisor, confidant, and most of all a true friend. Blessed with a wonderful sense of humor, Jimmie is a keen observer of the people she serves and of the community in which she lives. I want America to know about this tireless champion of East Texas who gives back more than could ever be asked of her.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to wish Jimmie Ruth Cooley a very Happy 80th Birthday and many more years of happiness to come.

HONORING SARALAND SCHOOLS FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the exemplary achievement of the Saraland School System, which recently garnered the highest rating of performance from its accreditation agency. What's even more remarkable about this accomplishment is that the Saraland School System was founded just four short years ago.

All too often, local news across America is filled with stories about failing schools and declining scholastic standards. Indeed, our educational system is being challenged like never before from a historic recession and dwindling revenues. But America is still the land of opportunity for those imbued with vision and a dedication to make a difference.

Four years ago, the City of Saraland defied the odds by seeking control of its local schools with the goal of raising the quality of education for its children. The Saraland School System set a goal to provide every student a “world-class education.” This goal was successfully met in June when Saraland received the top rating of “highly functional” for the school system's vision and purpose. The high praise came from AdvanceED, formerly known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Saraland also received the accreditation agency's second highest rating in six other areas: governance and leadership; teaching and learning; documenting and using results; resources and support systems; stakeholder communications and relationships; and commitment to continuous improvement.

Much credit is due to the school leadership, including School Board President Bill Silver, Superintendent Wayne Vickers, and all the Saraland School System administrators, principals, teachers and students. Additionally, a tip of the hat is due to the people of Saraland who, according to the accreditation agency, have demonstrated an equally strong commitment to supporting their new school system and making sure it succeeds.

Board president Bill Silver recently told the Mobile Press-Register, “This community has bought into our own school system and that is one of the reasons we have had such success, in academics, sports and the whole arena.”

Physical evidence of the community's investment in their school system is manifest in the \$30 million high school, a planned \$14 million elementary school and another \$4 million dedicated to renovate the middle school.

Saraland's amazing achievement is not only a model for Alabama, but for the nation. It is proof positive that when a community unites behind a goal, it can succeed. We should all look to Saraland's example.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Saraland School System, its leaders, students and the community at large. Job well done!

COMMENDING VETERANS OF THE KOREAN CONSTABULARY

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor veterans of the Korean Constabulary for their outstanding sacrifice and service during the hard years leading up to the establishment of the Republic of Korea.

The Korean Constabulary was originally established in 1946 in order to provide support to Korean National Police during the unification and independence of South Korea. They would eventually serve as the Republic of Korea Army in 1948.

During the years of 1946 and 1948, the Korean Constabulary undertook internal security tasks on behalf of the United States Military Government in Korea and the people of South Korea, defending their fledgling country against internal unrest.

The Korean Constabulary believe they have been treated unfairly due to their exclusion from benefits offered under the Republic of Korea's Military Pension Act. They have not been granted pension, financial aid for healthcare or military awards for their years of distinguished service because their years of service before 1950 are unaccounted for because the Constabulary was under the jurisdiction of the Department of National Defense during the years of 1946 and 1948.

The Korean Constabulary would like to be honored by the Republic of Korea for their heroic service during such an unstable time in the country's history.

Today, I honor all of the Veterans of the Korean Constabulary and commend them for their bravery and support to the United States Military Government in Korea.

RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS OLYMPIAN MICHAEL TINSLEY

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Tinsley who will be representing the United States in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

Michael hails from Little Rock, Arkansas. Little Rock is located in the Second Congressional District, which I represent. He attended Pulaski Robinson High School in Little Rock where he had a standout track career.

His dedication to and performance in track and field in high school earned him a scholarship at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where he ran track and studied Criminal Justice.

At the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Michael won the 400m hurdles for Jackson State becoming the first track athlete in the history of the university to win an NCAA Division I title.

Jackson State University declared Thursday, June 15, 2006, "Michael Tinsley Day," and Michael was presented with a certificate from the governor, was handed keys to the city by the mayor, and was shown the banner bearing his name that would hang in the athletic center.

In 2006, Michael achieved his first ever top ten Track and Field News world ranking in the 400m hurdles. He achieved a top-ten world ranking again in 2011.

Michael's accomplishments don't end there, though. He also holds numerous other records and titles, and in the 2010 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, he placed third in the 400m hurdles. He is also a three-time NCAA All-American.

As evidence of his continued hard work and pursuit of excellence, Michael qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team in a remarkable and memorable way: he beat the reigning Olympic gold, silver, and bronze medalists in the 400m hurdles, taking first place to secure his Olympic berth.

Michael will represent Team USA in the 400m hurdles, and I am proud to have such an accomplished athlete and Arkansan representing our nation.

On behalf of Arkansans and Americans everywhere, I wish Michael Tinsley the best of luck in his Olympic endeavors and look forward to his great accomplishments in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 438. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 504: "yes"—Holt of New Jersey Part C Amendment No. 2.

THE "IDENTIFYING CYBERSECURITY RISKS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2012"

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to introduce the "Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012", a bill to assess the risks that networks controlling our critical infrastructure face from cyber attacks. I am also proud to have developed this legislation in collaboration with my colleague, the gentleman from California, and Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, Representative LUNGREN.

Critical infrastructure, which can be found in all of our districts, powers our homes and

keeps our water running. However, all too often, in the digital era, industrial control systems that operate much of this critical infrastructure are vulnerable to cyber attacks. A recent report by the Washington Post found that thousands of these control systems could be accessed directly through the Internet, leaving them open to exploitation by even "moderately talented hackers".

And according to Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan, there have been over 200 known attempted or successful cyberintrusions against control systems that operate critical infrastructure in 2011 alone, which was a five-fold increase over 2010.

There has been an active debate this Congress on cybersecurity, and particularly how best to protect our critical infrastructure from crippling cyber attacks. But regardless of where you stand on the proper role for the Federal government in protecting critical infrastructure, I am sure we can all agree that the nature of the cyber threat to critical infrastructure, including vulnerabilities present in our critical infrastructure networks, need to be known so that critical infrastructure owners and operators can be empowered to bolster their cybersecurity and protect their systems.

Specifically, my bill directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct risk assessments of critical infrastructure sectors to identify:

1. The threats to critical infrastructure from foreign intelligence services, cybercriminals, and hacker groups;
2. The consequences that would result from a major cyber attack on critical infrastructure; and
3. The vulnerabilities in our critical infrastructure networks that could be exploited by hackers.

This bill would not only help our government understand the threat we face, it would benefit the critical infrastructure owners and operators protect their networks, giving them a fuller understanding of vulnerabilities in their systems.

It would not create any rules, regulations, or standards that private industry would need to comply with, and much of this language was first proposed by Committee Republicans, consistent with the recommendations of the House Republican cybersecurity task force.

This bill would take proactive steps to identify and assess cyber risks to help raise the level of cybersecurity protecting our Nation's critical infrastructure networks, without creating any burdensome regulations or bureaucracy. This issue is far too important, and the risk of cyber attack on our critical infrastructure is too grave, to let another Congress pass without taking action.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the "Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012", and work with me to secure passage of this critical bipartisan homeland security legislation.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAL MOORE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Coach Mal Moore, the respected, longtime Athletic Director of The University of Alabama who was recently named the 2012 recipient of the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation (NFF) and the College Hall of Fame.

The Toner Award is presented annually by the NFF to an Athletic Director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics, particularly college football.

For those who closely follow University of Alabama athletics, there is little doubt that Mal Moore deserves this tremendous honor. As Alabama's Athletic Director since 1999, he has guided the University's sports program to a new era of success, improvements to athletic facilities and overseeing numerous conference and national championships. This year alone, under his leadership, Coach Moore has been instrumental in the Crimson Tide winning four national championships in football, women's gymnastics, women's softball and women's golf.

Long a prominent figure in the "Alabama family," Coach Moore played quarterback under legendary head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, beginning in 1958, and was a member of the 1961 national championship team. A secondary and, later, quarterbacks coach for Coach Bryant's Crimson Tide, Coach Moore became a fixture on the 'Bama coaching staff until Coach Bryant's retirement in 1982 when he was hired to be an assistant coach at The University of Notre Dame. In 1990, he returned to Alabama to serve as offensive coordinator under Coach Gene Stallings. All total, Coach Moore has been a part of nine of Alabama's 14 national championships.

As Athletic Director, Mal Moore directs a \$100 million budget and 21 men's and women's varsity sports teams. His record of leadership speaks for itself. Since 1999, the University has notched countless NCAA championships and even more SEC championships. Also during Coach Moore's tenure as Athletic Director, the Crimson Tide football team has won two national championships (2009 and 2011), posted six 10-win seasons, a 5-4 bowl record, appearances in four Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl games and SEC championships in 1999, 2009 and 2011.

Winning is not his only legacy; the face of the University of Alabama campus has also been transformed during Coach Moore's tenure with more than \$200 million in improvements to the athletic infrastructure. Alabama has erected new stadiums for soccer, softball and tennis; new facilities for women's basketball and volleyball; a new golf clubhouse; and improved facilities for every other sports team, in addition to the renovation of the Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services, and Coleman Coliseum. In 2007, The University of Alabama Board of Trustees officially dedicated the facility formerly known as the Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility.

Coach Moore also oversaw the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 2006 and 2009, pushing the venue's capacity to 101,821, which ranks fifth nationally.

Mal Moore will be officially honored at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 4, 2012. He was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation, I would like to commend Coach Mal Moore for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him for receiving the John L. Toner Award. I know Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many, many friends and associates around the country share in this proud and well-deserved honor.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE JOINT HEARING

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and welcome to Secretary Panetta and Secretary Shinseki.

More than 2 million American women and men are returning home from more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many are returning scarred, with lost limbs, brain injuries or mental illness. Too many are coming back to unemployment lines. And too many are struggling to keep their homes.

To address these problems, Congress and the administration have worked together to support veterans' needs through efforts like building more Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinics, like the one in Mount Vernon, Washington state. The VA, the Department of Defense, and National Institutes of Health are conducting state-of-the-art brain research to understand and find better treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. And the VA and DoD are working together to provide more timely disability claims processing.

The passage of the Vow To Hire Heroes Act and the 21st Century GI Bill were important steps to help veterans translate their skills to civilian jobs. These programs provide career advice for transitioning servicemembers through the Transition Assistance Program and help veterans go back to school.

And we are supporting veterans housing through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) program, which provides affordable housing vouchers and social services like case management. 100 homeless veterans in Skagit and Snohomish Counties have received HUD-VASH vouchers so far this year. Part of ending homelessness among veterans is prevention, and for that, VA and DOD recently began legal assistance programs to provide relief for veterans and servicemembers who were hurt by mortgage abuses and assist those seeking to refinance.

Still, there is more that we have to do, and I encourage all of us in this room to think of what we can do to help these veterans.

For example, in my district, we are reaching out to veterans, employers and educators to help veterans translate the skills they developed in the military to meet private sector needs, and help employers and educators understand the value of veterans' military training.

I look forward to hearing more about what the DoD and VA are doing to support veterans transitioning back to civilian life. With hard work and support from the government and local communities, these veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan can have a smooth transition back to civilian life, and our older veterans can get the support they deserve.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. BUENA WOOTEN LONG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. On this day, Mrs. Long will be honored with a birthday celebration and dinner at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center in Albany, Georgia.

Born in Whigham, Georgia on July 25, 1912 to Archie and Ada Wooten, Mrs. Long is the youngest of six children: Malachi, Charlie, Wadis, Leah, and Ruth. Although all her siblings preceded her in death, she is the second member of her family to become a centenarian; her paternal grandfather lived to be 106 years old.

Mrs. Long fondly remembers plowing a mule on the family farm as a child. As an adult, she worked as a seamstress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Detroit, Michigan. She is now an active participant at the Golden Retreat Senior Citizen's Center. Although she enjoys all the activities at the Center, bingo is her favorite.

Mrs. Long is the mother of Mrs. Helen Murphy-Prince; grandmother of Mr. Craig Wendell Prince; great-grandmother of Mr. Randall Murphy and Mr. Brian Murphy and great-great-grandmother of Miss London Taylor Murphy.

Mrs. Long credits her longevity to her faith in God, a strong work ethic instilled in her by her parents and good genes. She is an active member of the Institutional First Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Eugene G. Sherman.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Long has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Long has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding cit-

izen and woman of faith, Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, as she, her family, and the seniors and volunteers of the Golden Retreat at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, I was called away from the votes here on the House Floor in order to address an important announcement regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan in California. The joint announcement from California Governor, Jerry Brown, and United States Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, will have huge implications for my constituents and all Californians. Therefore, I felt it was absolutely necessary to address my concerns regarding the new plan. Nevertheless, I realize the importance of the votes I missed. Therefore, I would like to state for the record how I would have voted on the bills that were before the House of Representatives, yesterday.

First, I would have supported H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012. I would have opposed H.R. 6082, the Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan. Lastly, I would have supported H.R. 6168, President Obama's Proposed 2012–2017 Offshore Drilling Lease Sale Plan Act.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. MANZULLO. I say reluctant, because although I am opposed to this particular amendment, I very much support the idea of ensuring that our agencies in the Federal government utilize the best available science when engaged in their activities. On its face, that would appear to be the subject of this amendment. However, the language in this amendment goes further than that, and its broad reach troubles me for several reasons.

Under this amendment, all Federal agencies would have to adopt guidelines on scientific integrity and have those guidelines approved by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, "OSTP". Agencies could not make policy decisions unless the OSTP Director has approved their guidelines. In addition, subsection (d) of the amendment states that

any policy decisions an agency makes which do not comply with the approved guidelines “shall be deemed to be arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and otherwise not in accordance with law.”

I am very concerned that the language in this amendment could give rise to a new cause of action against Federal agencies in their regulatory process. A longstanding principle of regulatory law is that agencies must show that their regulatory actions are not “arbitrary and capricious” or courts will overturn those actions. This amendment creates a new and separate cause of action against regulatory agencies who veer from their guidelines in the formulation of a regulation. This is an unnecessary addition to the legal weaponry available to challenge agency regulations since the current law already provides that agencies are prohibited from making “arbitrary and capricious” regulatory decisions. I do not understand why we would purposely increase our courts’ load of regulatory litigation for no discernible substantive benefit.

Furthermore, the amendment does not limit these restrictions to regulatory actions. All “policy decisions,” specifically including “agency guidance,” are subject to this requirement. “Agency guidance” could include the posting of information on an agency website or the issuance of disaster warnings. It is troubling that we would potentially be creating a new legal cause of action against agencies for putting agency guidance on their websites. It’s even more troubling that we would prohibit agencies from making disaster warnings until those agencies’ scientific integrity guidelines are approved by the Director of OSTP.

Clearly, these new impositions on the Federal agencies are not without cost. However, what is the real benefit here? Early on, the Obama administration issued an order to all Federal agencies to adopt scientific integrity policies. OSTP oversaw this process, and Federal agencies now have scientific integrity policies in place. What additional benefit does this amendment provide over what the administration has already completed? Moreover, the Federal government already has well established procedures in place to ensure Federal regulations are only issued after careful review of the scientific evidence. It’s hard to imagine this amendment provides any benefits to this process that would outweigh the dangers and costs I just identified.

Finally, I want to express my discomfort with placing the OSTP and the President’s science advisor in a regulatory oversight role. The President of the United States needs sound scientific advice from a trusted and competent advisor. OSTP was created to provide that advice to the President. This is an office that has typically maintained bipartisan support over the years. I would hate for that support to erode because we’ve placed inappropriate responsibilities on that office. I would also note that OSTP’s annual budget is relatively modest and the office is already stretched thin carrying out its current duties. This amendment provides no funding for the newly mandated duties, and it is unclear how OSTP is supposed to fund these new responsibilities.

I do think it is important that the Federal government use the best available science when it does its work. Unfortunately, for the reasons I’ve outlined, I don’t think this amendment is the way to achieve that goal, and I must oppose the amendment.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND DR.
J.J. ROBERSON

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a spiritual leader and visionary from Houston, Texas, Reverend Dr. J.J. Roberson.

Dr. Roberson will be remembered as a distinguished minister, husband, father, Master Barber, and World War II Veteran. He has inspired our community with his work as the Founder and Pastor Emeritus of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church. During his 50-year tenure as Pastor of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Roberson was credited with expanding the size of the sanctuary and for increasing the church membership to over 2,000.

Dr. Roberson was consistently recognized for his outstanding leadership as President of the Baptist Ministers Association of Houston & Vicinity. He was inducted into the Religious Hall of Fame in Dallas in 2011, as well as the Visionary Pastors Hall of Fame in Houston in 2012.

As we say goodbye to a courageous leader and man of God, we acknowledge that our community has lost a resounding voice for justice, fairness, and equal opportunity. Although this is a significant loss, we find consolation in knowing that many of our lives have been forever changed because Dr. J.J. Roberson lived.

While I will indeed miss his physical presence, I will continue to admire his spirit and passion for helping those who are the least, the last, and the lost among us. To many, Dr. Roberson was a pillar within our community and a great preacher; but for me not only was Dr. Roberson a dynamic religious leader, he was a mentor, trusted advisor, and beloved friend.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
DR. FRANK RAILA, MD,
USA, RET.

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of a true American patriot: retired Lieutenant Colonel Frank Raila. Lieutenant Colonel Raila has lived a rich and full life: he is a veteran, a medical doctor, a father, and so much more. He is a fantastic example of those individuals who make up our “greatest generation.”

Living on the south side of Chicago, Frank Raila was called to serve his country shortly after his eighteenth birthday in 1943. He was sent to Europe as a Private in the 106th Infantry Division, where he served on a machine gun crew. He participated in an unsuccessful attempt to retake the city of Schonberg in late 1944. During this assault, then-Private Raila was captured by German forces and sent to a mining labor camp as a prisoner of war. Be-

fore long, he used quick thinking and ingenuity to escape from captivity during a transfer to a new location, and worked to rejoin friendly forces.

During the rest of the war and for several years after, Frank Raila continued to serve his country—remaining with the United States Army and eventually retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, Frank Raila returned to civilian life and attended the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University at Chicago. As a Neuroradiologist, he had a long and distinguished career—practicing in locations around the country and abroad over several decades.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Raila for all he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and his hard work. I want to welcome him, and all the other veterans participating in the “Honor Flights” to Washington D.C. in recognition of this year’s “Day of Honor” program on August 1, 2012.

IN MEMORY OF CHLOE ZULCOSKY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Chloe Zulcosky, a recent graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford, Florida.

There are some people in our lives that inspire us to be better, to reach for every opportunity, and, when we fall down, to brush ourselves off and continue pushing ahead. Friends, Chloe was one of those people. She served as a role model in her community, and shone through to all as a fun-loving and courageous young lady. Chloe showed the community of Seminole County how to live life as a kind, genuine and beautiful person.

Chloe was the Senior Captain of her cheerleading team at Seminole High School. While at cheerleading camp at the beginning of her senior year, Chloe started having terrible migraines. After weeks of continuous pain, she was diagnosed with glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer which usually occurs with patients older than 55.

Chloe underwent surgery in early September to remove the brain tumor. She was scheduled after the surgery for one year of chemotherapy to diminish any of the tumor that was not removed.

She was able to experience a senior year full of love and support from the Seminole County community. Chloe received the honor of Homecoming Queen at Seminole High School, attended her prom, and graduated from high school.

On Wednesday July 25, after a long and courageous fight, Chloe passed away. While it is with a heavy heart that I report to Congress that Chloe passed away today, I am confident that her life and memory will remain with not only those she knew, but all those who knew of her.

I again ask we remember the life of this wonderful young woman and pray for the family and friends who are grieving her loss. May Chloe inspire us all.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND
SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4078, which would cut critical regulations not with a scalpel but, like many have said, with a nuclear bomb. The transportation authorization bill, MAP-21, which this body passed with a widely bipartisan vote, included many important safety and efficiency regulations, but my amendment to exempt them was not made in order.

If signed into law, this bill would pull the emergency brake and stop safety regulations which were just enacted. One important regulation this bill would block is the installation of seatbelts in motorcoaches. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration believes these seatbelts could reduce the risk of fatalities in rollover crashes by 77 percent. Safety improvements like these will help prevent all too common transportation disasters, like the motorcoach crash in 2007 which killed 7 members of the Bluffton University baseball team in Ohio.

This is just a single example of the critical regulations that H.R. 4078 would halt indiscriminately. I urge the House to reject this bill.

RECOGNIZING MARION COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOLS**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Marion County Public Schools on having some of America's best high schools. In their inaugural High School Challenge, a ranking of the nation's 19,000 best high schools, the Washington Post named four Marion County high schools—Bellevue High School, Vanguard High School, North Marion High School, and Lake Weir High School—among America's top ten percent of high schools.

In rating high schools, the High School Challenge considers the ratio of college-level tests administered to graduating seniors at a particular high school. The survey looks at the total number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) exams given at a school in a single academic year. This rating is intended to indicate the level of a high school's commitment to preparing their students for college, noting that students who face AP, IB, and AICE exams are better prepared for the rigors of college reading lists and examinations.

This is not the first time that Marion County Public Schools have been recognized for their

quality high schools. The U.S. News and World Report rankings of high schools has ranked nationally two Marion County high schools—Vanguard High School and Lake Weir High School—and recognized nationally three others: Bellevue High School, Marion Technical Institute, and West Port High School.

Marion County's dedication to quality high school education is evident from these recognitions. I applaud their commitment to their students and their community. May their example inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

HONORING ALEXANDER TEVES,
HERO AND VICTIM OF THE AU-
RORA, COLORADO SHOOTINGS ON
JULY 29, 2012**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Alex Teves, who was killed in the terrible shooting in Aurora, Colorado, not long ago. He died saving his girlfriend's life, pushing her out of the way and covering her with his body as bullets flew around the theater. He was only 24 years old.

At his young age, he was already the kind of person many of us hope to be. Friends, family and everyone who knew him describe him as an extraordinarily warm, generous and sincere man. Beyond the goodness he showed his close friends, he was enthusiastic to meet and get to know everyone, whether they were older, younger, shared his interests or had never spoken with him before. People felt his optimism, his honesty and his genuine kindness as soon as they met him. He made the most of his natural gifts and abilities and made time to help others. He was more than a good example—he was a rare and very good human being.

Every day in high school he wore a white t-shirt and blue jeans, and was so well-known and well-liked that the entire student body held a "Teves Day" each year for everyone else to wear the same. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 2010 and earned his Master's in Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver just this June. He was preparing to dedicate his life to helping those who could benefit from his warmth, his compassion and his wisdom. To anyone tempted to become cynical about our country, our future or our way of life, I say Alex Teves proves them wrong.

Our nation loses someone special to gun violence far too often. In Alex, we lost someone who was not afraid to befriend strangers, not afraid to push himself in the service of others who needed help, and not afraid to give his life for someone he loved. He lived a quiet, everyday kind of heroism that never gets the recognition it deserves and never seeks it. I humbly offer my voice to the many, many others who are grieving for his death today, and offer them as much comfort and support as I can. He was a truly extraordinary person, and those who knew him best will miss him for a very long time. I believe his name will live on as a good, even a great, example for others. He felt a natural instinct to love, help and be good to the people around him, and he

passed it on simply by being himself. He deserves a greater tribute than I can pay him today.

TOM BROWN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Mr. Tom Brown of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Brown has been awarded the Phoenix Community Achievement Leader Award. His years of service to his community make Mr. Brown well qualified and deserving of this honor.

Tom is currently serving as my Chief of Staff, and to see him receive this award for his dedicated service to the community gives me extreme pride. One of Tom's strongest contributions to the area is his work for St. Luke's Hospital, where he is currently a board member. He also serves on the board for St. Luke's Northland Hospital, St. Luke's College and The American Hospital Association's Committee on Governance. He has previously served on the Tri-County Mental Health Services Board and as Clay County Commissioner from 2000–2004.

Tom has been active in many other civic, social, and political groups in Kansas City. He has served as Chairman of the Missouri Lottery Commission and of Safe Haven, Inc., and was a former member of the Missouri Port Authority Commission. Furthermore, Mr. Brown was the secretary of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation and Vice President of Clay/Platte Development Corporation. Mr. Brown's commitment to his community has affected more lives than he may ever know.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Mr. Tom Brown for his continued commitment to bettering his community. I know Mr. Brown's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

NORTHERN NEVADA'S OLYMPIAN

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jacob "Jake" Dalton of Reno, Nevada as he represents his country in the 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of the U.S. men's gymnastics team.

Jake, a 2009 graduate of Spanish Springs High School and scholarship recipient at the University of Oklahoma, has the reputation of a fierce and proven competitor. Only 20 years old, Jake is already a champion, winning two NCAA titles in 2011 and the all-around gold in the Winter Cup Challenge in 2011.

To earn his place on the team, Dalton excelled in the U.S. Olympic trials in San Jose, California, winning both the vault and the floor exercise. His teammates are Jonathan Horton, Danell Leyva, Sam Mikulak, John Orozco, and

alternates Chris Brooks, Steven Legendre, Alex Naddour. This men's gymnastics team is considered the best since 1984 when the United States won gold at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Jake, like all other Americans participating in the Olympics, gives our country a great sense of pride. I join my fellow Nevadans and the rest of the country in wishing good luck to Team USA and Jake as he tries to bring home the gold to the Silver State.

COMMEMORATING THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Leadership Alliance. The Leadership Alliance, which includes the 5th District's University of Virginia, is a national academic consortium of leading research universities and minority serving institutions with the mission to develop underrepresented students into outstanding leaders and role models.

In the 20 years since its establishment, the Leadership Alliance has mentored over 2000 undergraduates who have participated in the Summer Research Early Identification Program and over 200 alumni who have obtained their PhD or MD-PhD degrees as Leadership Alliance Doctoral Scholars.

In the 5th District, the University of Virginia has mentored over 15 participants in the Summer Research Early Identification Program and the Summer Undergraduate Research Program in fields ranging from Education to Biomedical Sciences.

I am pleased today to congratulate and commend the Leadership Alliance and the University of Virginia for 20 years of mentoring a diverse and competitive workforce.

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Administration to join in the international effort to reach a comprehensive settlement in Cyprus as a bi-zonal and bi-communal federation. This continued dispute has real regional and global implications. It threatens effective NATO-EU cooperation, affects regional stability, and also remains an obstacle to Turkey, our key partner and ally, gaining full membership to the European Union, which the United States has long supported.

I continue to believe that a just and viable solution to the longstanding Cyprus problem is not only achievable, but also urgent and necessary. The key to the settlement in Cyprus is the renewal of the Partnership between the two equal co-owners and co-founders of the "Republic of Cyprus", as established in 1960: Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. As a

matter of fact, Turkish Cypriot people have long proven their readiness to renew the Partnership State. In 2004 they demonstrated the necessary political will for a comprehensive solution by voting strongly for the UN Settlement Plan in the separate and simultaneous referendum, a proposal that was overwhelmingly rejected by the Greek Cypriot side.

Since assuming the European Union term presidency on July 1, there is no better time for the Greek Cypriot government to take the long-awaited substantial steps towards a comprehensive settlement with the Turkish Cypriots. I hope this new EU role for Cyprus will not hinder the continuation of reunification talks. In fact, I believe that Cyprus' six-month term in the presidency of the EU brings extra responsibilities to show sincere efforts towards peace.

The international community and the United States will have to answer a fundamental question in the days ahead: Are we going to put in place all necessary efforts in order to reach a comprehensive solution in Cyprus, and thus demonstrate the political will to that effect, or are we going to let an achievable settlement slip away once again, all the while perpetuating the illegitimate and unjust isolation of the Turkish Cypriot people? A continued status quo in Cyprus is not beneficial to any party, and the time is now to solve a dispute that has lasted for more than forty years.

In light of recent actions by Syria and others in the Middle East, Turkey has continued to operate as an important U.S. ally in the region, and all parties acknowledge that Turkey's membership to the European Union cannot be achieved without first tackling these issues in Cyprus. Therefore, all sides should return to the table and set a timeline for action, and this Administration should work with all stakeholders to ensure that any agreement respects human rights and ensures the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots.

While the people of Cyprus must ultimately decide their own fate, there is no better time for the international community to support such reunification efforts. As all eyes remain on Cyprus during its term with the EU presidency, and continued talks would signal to the world that both parties are committed to establishing a peaceful and prosperous future for all Cypriots.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S JUSTIN GATLIN AS A MEMBER OF THE 2012 UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwest Florida's Justin Gatlin as a member of the 2012 United States Olympic Team. Every 4 years, our nation joins together to root on the athletes that represent us at the Summer Olympic Games and for those of us from Northwest Florida, we will be rooting even harder when Justin competes in the 100 meter sprint to bring the gold back home.

From an early age, Justin displayed an incredible God-given talent for track and field. He grew up in Pensacola, Florida and ran

both sprint and hurdles to help lead Woodham High School to a state championship, before accepting a scholarship to the University of Tennessee. At Tennessee, Justin won six consecutive NCAA titles in two years, before turning pro at age 19.

In 2004, Justin qualified for the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece by winning the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100 meters and finishing runner up in the 200 meters. In Athens, Justin became the youngest ever to win the gold medal in the 100 meters, while also bringing home a silver medal as part of the U.S. 4x100 meter relay team, and a bronze medal in the 200 meters. He followed up his successful Olympic performance a year later by becoming the first American sprinter to win both the 100 and 200 meter races at the national championships since Kirk Baptiste in 1985. That same year he became only the second sprinter in history to win gold medals in the World Championships in the 100 and 200 meters, and his victory in the 100 meters by .17 seconds was the largest winning margin in World Championship history.

After four years away from the track, Justin returned in 2010 to seek another gold medal. He won his first event in 2010 and finished runner up in the 2011 USA Track and Field Championships. In 2012, Justin has already had a successful season, winning the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100 meters in a personal best 9.80 seconds, proving that he is ready to help the U.S. team go for gold in London this summer. Justin's victory in the Olympic Trials, 8 years after his first Olympic triumph, is an example of the success that can be achieved by working hard even after you reach the pinnacle of your career.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to rise on behalf of Florida's First Congressional District to recognize Northwest Florida's own Justin Gatlin and wish him the best as he represents our country and competes for another Olympic gold medal.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH TASK FORCE ACT

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the Children's Health Task Force Act. As children grow and develop, they are especially vulnerable to environmental health hazards such as air pollution, hazardous chemicals, and lead.

The number of children at risk for lead poisoning alone remains unacceptably high. Today there are 442,000 children with elevated blood levels, yet Congress continues to drastically cut funding for lead poisoning prevention programs. There is simply no safe level of lead exposure for children. Research has shown that lead is damaging to the developing brains of young children and can have harmful long-term effects on behavior and IQ. I believe it is reprehensible to allow this kind of damage to happen to children. This quiet tragedy is entirely preventable, and it is our responsibility to protect our children and make lead poisoning a thing of the past.

In 1997, former President Clinton established by Executive Order an inter-agency task

force to address high priority risks to children's health. Former President George W. Bush further amended the Executive Order to extend the work of this task force an additional few years. Since its establishment, the Task Force has successfully developed strategies and action plans for addressing asthma, unintentional injuries, lead poisoning, childhood cancer, and school environments.

The Children's Health Task Force Act would simply codify the Task Force by an act of Congress and charge it with recommending and coordinating Federal strategies to address environmental health and safety risks for children in the United States.

I am pleased the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Center for Healthy Housing, and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital have endorsed this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Children's Health Task Force Act. We must ensure that our children grow up in a safe and healthy environment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes No. 499–501. Had I been present I would have voted “nay” on vote Nos. 499 and 500, and “yea” on vote No. 501.

HONORING 2012 OLYMPIC COMPETITOR LOPEZ LOMONG

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a native of my district and 2012 Olympic competitor, Lopez Lomong.

Lopez Lomong was born in Kimotong, a small village in southern Sudan in 1985. Lopez had a happy childhood until one day, when he was 6 years old, his whole life was turned upside down. His village was attacked while he was attending church, and Lopez was taken by rebel soldiers from the Sudan People's Liberation Army. After weeks of watching other boys slowly die in the rebel camp, Lopez was able to escape through a hole in the fence with the help of three other boys. Lopez and these boys ran for three days through the African plains until they reached Kenya and were placed in a refugee camp.

Lopez would spend the next 10 years in this refugee camp, attending “school,” playing soccer and trying to survive day to day on the small rations that were provided to the boys. One day, when Lopez was 16, the opportunity of a lifetime arose. Lopez wrote an essay to the Catholic Charities about what he would do if he were able to come to the U.S. His essay moved the people at Catholic Charities so much that he became one of the Lost Boys of Sudan who were relocated to the United States to begin a new life.

Leaving Africa behind, Lopez found himself an adopted member of the Rodgers family in

Tully, New York, a stark contrast from the plains of Africa. To feel at home, Lopez would go on long runs, as he had done in Kenya, and he drew the attention of his high school cross country coach. It was here that his running career began. Lopez showed immense potential and went on from New York to Northern Arizona University where he won two NCAA championships.

In 2007, Lopez became a professional runner and in 2008, after becoming a U.S. citizen, he made the Olympic team, proudly representing his new country, the U.S.A. At the Beijing Olympics Lopez was voted by his fellow countrymen to carry the U.S. flag into the opening ceremonies, and he went on to perform well, making it to the semi-finals of the 1500m.

In addition to his athletic achievement, Lopez has a heart and passion to see peace in the country of his birth that continues to be ravaged by civil war. Lopez's desire is to spread the word about what is happening in Sudan and to build a community center to give hope and opportunities to people who started out just like him.

At the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Lopez will once again represent the United States. I have no doubt that he will once again honorably and nobly represent our country as a member of the Olympic team.

Like so many others I am truly inspired by Lopez's story. I congratulate him on his success and thank him for his continued efforts on behalf of his home country of the South Sudan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ATHLETES FROM SOUTH FLORIDA REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN LONDON, ENGLAND

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud American, anxious to support our American athletes who will be competing in the 2012 London Olympics over the next two weeks. Like the vast majority of my fellow citizens, I will be closely following and cheering for each of our athletes as they represent our country—especially those from the state of Florida.

Every two years, when the torch has completed its journey across the world and the cauldron is lit opening up the winter or summer games of the Olympics, we put down our differences for a brief moment and rally around our young American athletes.

Each time the Stars and Stripes are raised just a little bit higher than the other flags and as the Star-Spangled Banner is played for the world to hear, we feel the unfettered pride of being an American.

For these next two weeks, American Exceptionalism runs through the veins of every American as we root for our fellow athletes. The very best of America can be seen in so many of our young men and women who compete to bring the gold home.

Athletes like Lopez Lomong, who escaped unspeakable horrors as a child soldier in Sudan after running for three days, only to

end up in a refugee camp for 10 years, before being rescued by an American family. After legally earning his American citizenship in a country he refers to as “next to heaven,” Lopez proudly carried the American flag in Beijing and will compete in the 5,000 meter race in London.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this champion athlete has nothing to do with sports. After learning that he had two brothers still in Africa, he brought them to the United States where he encouraged them to attend a military academy so that they can give back to a country that has given him so much opportunity.

My daughters and I will be rooting for this true American hero and patriot.

This momentous occasion to represent the United States of America is an unequivocal honor for each athlete, the members of their team, their families, and all who have exhibited support along the way. As a member of Team USA, these champion athletes join a select group who will accompany each other in an endeavor to achieve the very best.

Mr. Speaker I am extremely proud to recognize the Olympic Athletes who reside in South Florida. I salute:

Venus Williams, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, has won a gold medal in tennis singles and two in women's tennis doubles. I am proud to proclaim that Venus Williams has won more Olympic medals than any other female tennis player.

Tony McQuay, a three-time NCAA track champion and helped lead the University of Florida men's track and field team to the 2012 college national title. Tony posted the third-fastest time in the world this year in the 400-meter event.

Sarah Lihan who is competing in sailing. After becoming the 2009 ICSA Women's National Champion, we will cheer her on as she sets sail to London in her first Olympic games.

Anna Tunnicliffe also competing in sailing. After winning gold in the Women's Laser Radial class in the 2008 Olympics she is back on Team USA to hopefully bring home another gold medal.

Christie Rampone is a defender on the U.S. Olympic soccer team. She has been an invaluable member of the Olympic team and this will be her fourth Olympics.

Becky Sauerbrunn will compete on the U.S. Olympic women's soccer team in her first Olympics. She currently resides in West Palm Beach and we look forward to seeing her succeed as a defender alongside her teammates.

Andy Roddick a native Floridian is competing in tennis for his second Olympics. He proved over and over that he highly excels in his discipline which is singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Sanya Richards-Ross is track and field and will be competing in the following events: Women's 4 × 400m Relay, Women's 200m, and the Women's 400m. In the 2008 Olympics she brought home a 4 × 400m bronze and a 400m gold.

And finally, Foluke Akinrakewo a first time Olympian competing in the volleyball tournament. She was previously the starting middle blocker on the gold winning U.S. Women's Junior National Team.

As the world's attention shifts to London for the next two weeks and our nation turns its attention to the very best American athletes it is an honor to offer my congratulations and best

wishes to all these great athletes on their journey in competing in the 2012 London Olympics.

I extend my best wishes for all around success in the upcoming London 2012 Olympics as their hard work, dedication, and perseverance is put to the test!

Go U.S.A.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PINCHOT INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary next year. The Pinchot Institute carries on the legacy of Connecticut native son Gifford Pinchot, whose unique and reasoned approach to conservation endures as we face a new era of environmental challenges.

Born in Simsbury, Pinchot grew up inspired by childhood summers spent enjoying his hometown's natural beauty. Committed to forestry and preservation from an early age, Pinchot went on to found the Forestry School, the first of its kind, at Yale, his alma mater. He helped to establish the United States Forest Service, serving as its first Chief in 1905. Pinchot recognized the need to protect our natural heritage at a time of development unprecedented in our nation's history. Throughout his long career in public service, he was instrumental in raising the profile of the conservation movement to the national stage.

Pinchot's philosophy of "practical idealism" lives on in practice at Yale, at the Forest Service, and at the Pinchot Institute. Dedicated by President Kennedy in 1963, the Pinchot Institute works to balance the sustainable use of our natural resources with a commitment to preservation for future generations. The Pinchot Institute collaborates with organizations around the country and the world to develop non-partisan, innovative, and well-researched solutions to conservation problems. The Institute recognizes the role that sustainable forests can play in the health of our nation's communities, water resources, and wildlife.

The need for conservation also resonates with me on a personal level. I began my career in public service with a call to action against the destruction of wetlands in Southington, and I remain committed to the principles of environmental stewardship. Our public lands and fragile resources are preserved and maintained for more Americans than ever before due to the tireless efforts of organizations like the Pinchot Institute.

In recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an organization at the forefront of its field.

HONORING THE COURAGE AND SELFLESS SERVICE OF CORPORAL DANIEL PALMER OF MILTON, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound gratitude and sincere respect that I rise to pay tribute to the courage and selfless service of Marine Corporal Daniel Palmer of Milton, Florida. In 2010, then Lance Corporal Palmer was severely wounded on patrol in Afghanistan, while assigned to Third Battalion, Sixth Marine Regiment, Lima Company. After spending the last year in rehabilitation at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, I am happy to say that on July 27, Northwest Florida will finally be able to welcome home their native son and an American hero.

Cpl Palmer is a 2004 graduate of Central High School in Allentown, Florida. While working at his family's masonry business in 2008 at the age of 22, he surprised his parents, Joey and Flora Jean Palmer, with his decision to join the U.S. Marine Corps. Cpl Palmer chose the Marine Corps because of its reputation for toughness and pride. Cpl Palmer's older brother, Scott, says Daniel has always been energetic and competitive and was proud of his decision to join the Marine Corps from day one.

On March 20, 2010, LCpl Palmer was leading a team of Marines on patrol when he stepped on a concealed improvised explosive device. Although he was severely wounded by the blast and shrapnel from the bomb, his first concern was the safety of his fellow Marines. When one of the Marines on his team started to run toward LCpl Palmer after the blast, LCpl Palmer shouted orders to his team to take cover rather than rushing out into the open and risk setting off another bomb or exposing themselves to small arms fire. LCpl Palmer's toughness and concern for others didn't stop there. His first words to his family after he was injured were, "[D]on't worry about me. I don't want you to feel sorry for me or anything. I did what I did serving my country."

He spent the next two years convalescing at military hospitals, all the while comforted by the tender devotion of his loving wife, Becky, at his side. Although Cpl Palmer is thousands of miles away from Afghanistan, his thoughts are still with his fellow Marines who are in harm's way. "Keep praying for all the boys who are still over there," he will tell you, "there's still a bunch of people over there risking their lives every day."

It has been said that the story of America's quest for freedom is inscribed on our history in the blood of our patriots. Today, the blood shed by America's patriots in defense of freedom is also inscribing the histories of nations like Afghanistan. Cpl Palmer's service in the military of our great country bears testament to his belief in the fundamental truth that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable right to liberty. Cpl Palmer sacrificed a great deal attempting to secure for the Afghan people the blessings of freedom. We must never forget his contribution toward that honorable end.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I stand here today to honor Cpl Daniel Palmer and all of the heroes serving our great nation around the world. My wife, Vicki, joins me in offering our profound thanks to Cpl Palmer and his family and our prayers for his speedy recovery. May God continue to bless him, his family and the United States Armed Forces.l66F

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLAST, THE UKRAINIAN SCOUTING ORGANIZATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Plast, the Ukrainian Scouting Organization.

Plast was founded in 1911 by Dr. Oleksandr Tysovsky, and it is based on the principles of scouting started by Lord Baden Powell in Great Britain.

As a consequence of the country's absence of national independence through most of the 20th Century, Plast was forced to go underground when the occupying Soviet Union declared the organization illegal and banned its activities.

However, following World War II, when many Ukrainians emigrated to various countries of the Free World, including the United States, the plastuny (members of Plast) among the émigrés formed Plast organizations in the countries of their settlement. This included incorporating "Plast, Inc." in 1950 in the state of Michigan.

Additionally, after the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine in 1991, Plast was reconstituted in Ukraine with the help of plastuny from the United States and other Free World countries.

Today, Plast is an international organization of Ukrainian youth which fosters personal development, leadership and teamwork, as well as a love of Ukrainian culture and history while also raising youth to be conscientious, responsible and valuable citizens of their communities at the local, national, and international level. The former President of Ukraine, Victor Yushchenko, is an honorary plastun, and Liubomyr Cardinal Husar, a U.S. citizen and now Patriarch-emeritus of the Ukrainian Eastern Rite Catholic Church based in Ukraine, is one of many distinguished plastuns.

Currently, Plast has 23 branches coast to coast in the United States, and Plast will be celebrating its Centennial with a Jamboree in Ukraine, August 10th to 24th, with the official opening of the Jamboree Celebration on August 19th in the city of L'viv.

As such, we should recognize August 19, 2012 as the Centennial Day of Plast, commend the Ukrainian Scouting Organization for its tremendous contributions, and celebrate the Centennial of Plast.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREATEST
GENERATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who fought and served in World War II. Their courage, selflessness and remarkable contributions to our country must never be forgotten. They fought not for fame or recognition, and too often made the ultimate sacrifice, but because it was simply their duty.

When Tom Brokaw declared them the "greatest generation any society has ever produced," no one could have described them in more fitting terms. After suffering through the Great Depression as youths, they were summoned to war following the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. They didn't hesitate. They jumped at the chance to fight for their country in the heat of the South Pacific, the chill of Europe and other fronts around the globe. When they returned home, they humbly kept the horrors of war to themselves, not wanting to trouble their families with the terror of what they had faced. Women who had never held a job outside of the home before served as nurses, built tanks and planes, and those who stayed home immediately went to work to support the war effort. Truly, their unwavering patriotism is exemplary and serves as an inspiration to future generations.

I am honored to pay tribute to this generation because I am the proud daughter of a World War II veteran who flew a B17 bomber in Europe during the war. My dad's unwavering courage, unimaginable sacrifices and tireless work ethic is typical of his generation. Because of my dad and others like him, we live in freedom in the greatest country on Earth. As this generation ages, it's up to us to keep their legacy strong and tell their story to generations to come. Together, we must "keep the Spirit of '45 Alive." I commend the residents of the Coachella Valley for their efforts to do just that.

The Palm Springs Air Museum, where old bombers like my dad's stand proudly on display, is hosting a "Spirit of '45 Day" next month to honor those who fought in World War II. Events like these serve as a worthy salute to this brave generation before we are left with only their memory. The Palm Springs Air Museum is a community treasure and labor of love for those dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of our nation's heroic aviators. It is well worth a visit for anyone who wants to learn more about the role our brave pilots and other service personnel played in many epic conflicts. I want to extend special thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who ensure the continued operation of this outstanding museum.

In the early hours of June 6, 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower told his troops that the eyes of the world were upon them. Those words were powerful then, but still rings true today. Indeed, the eyes of the world will always be upon the Greatest Generation, and I hope you'll join me in making every effort to preserve their remarkable legacy, a legacy that will never be diminished as long as the Republic they fought so heroically to preserve endures.

HONORING DEAN WELDON
SLEIGHT

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Weldon Sleight as he retires as Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA).

Dean Sleight has led NCTA since 2006 and played a vital role in supporting the college legacy and our rural agriculture economy along the way.

Under his watch NCTA constructed a new residence hall, expanded the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and built a state-of-the-art education center.

In addition, Dean Sleight has established innovative programs combining entrepreneurship and agriculture such as the "Combat Boots to Cowboy Boots" initiative, designed to assist military personnel, their families and veterans in becoming farmers and ranchers; and the "100 Beef Cow Ownership Advantage" program which assists students, parents, employers, and agencies in creating successful businesses and ranch transfer plans.

When Dean Sleight retires in December of this year, we wish him the best of luck and thank him for his contribution to agriculture, education and Nebraska.

DEBRINA WORKMAN 30 YEARS
WITH CONGRESSMAN NICK
RAHALL

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, thirty years ago today, a young woman joined my Congressional Staff to help serve our fellow West Virginians in the midst of our State's rich coalfields. She hailed from the community of Holden and still resides there near her parents' home.

Though she was very young, she had a burning passion to help people. And so she has, by the hundreds, nay thousands, over the decades working from her home base in my Logan District Office. For years, once a week, she did outreach work, bringing the constituent services of this Member of Congress to the good people of Mingo County. Working from the Mingo County seat of government in Williamson, she keeps me abreast of the important issues confronting the citizens of the Tug River Valley, the demarcation line of the famed Hatfield and McCoy Feud.

To say she is a seasoned expert in agency process, procedure and practice is an understatement. She knows constituent casework inside and out. More importantly, Mr. Speaker, she knows the families of the coalfields, where they came from and where most of them are headed. She knows this because she cares, cares deeply that people are treated justly, and that justice is meted in a timely manner. She can scrap the varnish off truth faster and cleaner than anyone I know, whether you want her to or not.

In the office she laughs with family members when things go right for them, and at

home in the evening, she sheds tears for them when they are troubled. Indeed her passion still burns brightly, though now through these many years, it takes on the golden hue of seasoned compassion. She knows just the right thing to say to put people at ease. Not the art of politics, just working the Golden Rule, overtime.

In these past thirty years, she has stuck with the people of southern West Virginia, through floods, blizzards and now a derecho. Her loyalty knows no bounds, even by Mother Nature's standards. Those in West Virginia's Third Congressional District and I are indeed fortunate to have Debrina Taylor Workman on our side because when the need arises, she can be a force of nature all by herself.

Members of Congress are indeed blessed with godsenders like Debrina to help us serve. While we don't say it often enough, we are thankful for their many sacrifices on our and the good people we represent behalves. Please join me in thanking Debrina for thirty years of service to her country and its families. May the good Lord's blessings continue to shine upon Debrina, her son, Jordan, and her many friends and family.

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND MARSHALS FOR DELANO'S 38TH ANNUAL PHILIPPINE WEEKEND

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Grand Marshals for Delano's 38th Annual Philippine Weekend. This event takes place in my district each year to honor and celebrate the Filipino culture. This year's honorees are Juanita Quiocho Villaruz, Suzanne Villaruz, and Arleen Villaruz-Gonzales, and they were selected for their dedication to service in their community. They are terrific examples of strong women that exhibit leadership, selflessness, and perseverance.

Juanita immigrated to the United States in 1958 from Rancho, Santa, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. She married Louie V. Villaruz, and had three children—Suzanne, Arleen, and Lounito. While supporting their young family, Juanita and Louie were active in the United Farm Workers of America's efforts to change conditions and wages for farm laborers. In 1970, Juanita found herself having to support three children on her own due to Louie's sudden death. She received training and worked as a psychiatric technician at Porterville State Hospital. Juanita retired from the State of California in 1995.

As a member of many different organizations, Juanita has stayed extremely active in the Filipino community. She was a charter member of the Filipino-American (Fil-Am) Cultural and Educational Association and served as president in 1976–77. She is also a member of the Filipino Catholic Association, Legionarios del Trabajo, the Filipino Community of Delano, and the Sons of Santa, of which she is a past president.

Juanita has always had a sense of service and participation in her community which she has undoubtedly passed down to her children.

Suzanne Villaruz was born in Delano and graduated from Delano High School in 1977.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from California State University, Bakersfield. As a registered and credentialed nurse, she has been working at McFarland Unified School District for over 20 years. In 2011, she was honored as Certified Employee of the Year.

In 1995, Suzanne initiated the Delano's Junior Miss program. Today, that program is called the Distinguished Young Women of Delano. Outside of Junior Miss, Suzanne finds joy in volunteering. She has served as an alternate on the Cecil Avenue Junior High School Site Council and chaired the School Site Council at Delano High School. Suzanne gladly served several years on the Board of Directors for Joshua Tree Council for Girl Scouts and Junior League of Bakersfield. Since 2001, she has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Delano and has twice served as president.

Suzanne lives a very busy life working and dedicating her time to service, but family is also extremely important. Her most cherished roles are that of mother to Nicole Ailina Villaruz and partner to Arnold Morrison.

Arleen Villaruz-Gonzales, born just eleven months after her sister, is a 1978 graduate of Delano High School. She graduated from California State University, Bakersfield with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. She married Anthony Gonzales in 1981, and they have two beautiful children, Aaron and Aubree.

Arleen has taught in the Delano Union School District at Fremont, Del Vista, and Princeton Schools. At Princeton, she was the first to ever receive the Teacher of the Year award, and in 1994 was named to the Hall of Fame as an Outstanding Teacher from Paramount Farms.

Just like her mother and sister, Arleen is very active in her community. She was a parent liaison for Delano High School's Theater Percussion Ensemble, United Spirit Association camp counselor, AYSO Commissioner, and a troop leader for Girl Scouts. Following in her mother's footsteps, Arleen is a past president of the Fil-Am Cultural and Educational Association.

Suzanne and Arleen have served many organizations in tandem, but Philippine Weekend has always been at their hearts. In 1976, Suzanne was crowned the first Miss Philippine Weekend queen, and then had the distinct pleasure of crowning Arleen the following year.

Two decades after being crowned, Suzanne was part of a reorganization of Philippine Weekend, when they returned to encouraging the youth of Delano to participate and take leadership positions in the organization. This proudly continues today. Suzanne and Arleen are very proud and supportive of the young people they have worked with who have become successful in their professional and volunteer lives. Philippine Weekend is now a successful nonprofit organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2012 Philippine Weekend Grand Marshals—Juanita Quiocho Villaruz, Suzanne Villaruz, and Arleen Villaruz-Gonzales—for their outstanding contributions to the community of Delano and the San Joaquin Valley.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S SAM HAZEWINDEL AS A MEMBER OF THE 2012 UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwest Florida's Sam Hazewinkel as a member of the 2012 United States Olympic Team. The Olympics are a truly special event where nations from around the world come together to compete as their fellow countrymen cheer them on, and when Sam steps to the mat in the 55 kilogram freestyle wrestling category to represent our nation, all of Northwest Florida will be cheering him on.

From an illustrious wrestling family, Sam is the first ever second generation Olympic wrestler in U.S. history. His father, Dave, and uncle, Jim, both represented our country in Greco Roman wrestling at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. Dave introduced his son to wrestling at a young age, and coached Sam while he competed at Pensacola Christian Academy. At Pensacola Christian, Sam compiled a perfect 140–0 record on his way to three Florida state championships. His success gained him a scholarship to the University of Oklahoma, where he was a four time All-American, and he finished his collegiate career with an impressive 132–10 record.

While Sam excelled on the mat, he also learned the importance of perseverance. Sam finished in third place in the NCAA championships in his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior seasons, and in his Senior season he came agonizingly close to capturing a national championship before losing in overtime of the final match. During his collegiate career, Sam also competed for a spot on the Olympic team, finishing in third place in the 2004 Olympic Team Trials. In 2008, Sam competed again for a spot on the Olympic team, only to fall short in the finals and finish as runner-up.

Some may have given up after coming so close on two occasions, but Sam remained dedicated and never gave up on his Olympic dream. He switched from Greco Roman to Freestyle wrestling, but he came into the 2012 trials as the underdog. Sam reached the finals determined to win, but he started off the best-of-three finals with a loss in the first match. In the second match, he battled back from an early deficit to pull out a win in overtime to force a decisive third match. He won the third and final match in dramatic fashion, in overtime, to fulfill his Olympic dream and cement his legacy as a role model for hard work, dedication and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to rise on behalf of Florida's First Congressional District to recognize Northwest Florida's own Sam Hazewinkel and wish him the best as he represents our country and competes for an Olympic gold medal.

MOUNT CHOSIN FEW AND THE BATTLE OF CHOSIN RESERVOIR (JANGJIN LAKE)

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, during the Korean War, a war often forgotten by U.S. history books, many brave soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives in battles waged in brutal fighting conditions. In one such battle, American forces were surprised by an overwhelming Chinese military force at Jangjin Lake, also known as the Chosin Reservoir. From November 27 to December 13, 1950, these courageous American soldiers, including the 1st Marine Division, fought bravely to free themselves from Chinese encirclement and certain capture or death. Following this great battle, seventeen allied soldiers received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest honor this Nation can bestow upon a soldier, and more than seventy soldiers were awarded the Navy Cross.

In honor of these brave soldiers, and at the request of two of my constituents, Richard Lilly of Wasilla, Alaska, and John Beasley of Palmer, Alaska, I recently introduced a bill to name one of the mountains in the Alaska Chugach National Forest after this monumental battle. This bill, H.R. 5928, the Mount Chosin Few Act, was intended to show support for the naming of this mountain, a mountain which would forever commemorate the 3,000 killed and 13,000 wounded American service members in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

On June 15, 2012, the Board of Geographic Names (BGN), independent of my legislation, acted on an existing request from Mr. Lilly and Mr. Beasley, to name Mount Chosin Few. This action was entirely within the Board's existing legal authority to address new name proposals. I am pleased that the BGN voted unanimously to name this mountain and, in doing so, honor those who fought and died, not just in this one battle, but during the entire Korean War.

Recently however, I have learned of some concerns regarding the origin of the name, Chosin Reservoir and its American colloquial roots. In 1950s, the United Nations provided U.S. soldiers with Japanese maps of the Korean Peninsula, as Korean maps were not available. Due to the use of Japanese maps, U.S. forces and U.S. news sources used the Japanese name "Chosin," instead of the Korean name "Jangjin," to describe the body of water around which this great battle was waged. Consequently, given the great heroics of this battle and the play on words between "chosen" and "Chosin," the Battle at Jangjin Lake has been known, by most Americans, as the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Additionally, the media-friendly nicknames stemming from this battle, such as "Frozen Chosin" and "The Chosin Few," have also been adopted into American history.

Please know that I understand and appreciate the concerns of the Korean people and government about the difference in the names "Jangjin Lake" and "Chosin Reservoir." Such cultural sensitivities are significant and remind us of the amazingly complex differences that exist not only within ethnicities and countries, but also within individual people as well. In the

melting pot of the United States, it can be easy to overlook these differences, as cultures blend and become more homogenized.

While cultural sensitivity is important, I also recognize the significance that my constituents, and all those who fought in this battle, attach to the name "Chosin." This is the name that evokes images in their minds of relentless cold and even more relentless fighting. I believe their sacrifice has earned them the gratitude of both of our nations and the right to name a mountain in Alaska whatever name they believe will most appropriately honor their fallen comrades. I hope the Korean government, and the people they serve, understand that the sacrifices made by those who have fought and died in the name of freedom are far more meaningful than the origin of the name of a mountain in Alaska.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Matthew Winchester for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew provided several tetherball sets to benefit a local summer youth camp. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Matthew has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,874,859,322,768.40. We've added \$5,247,982,273,855.32 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

On this day in 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We must balance the budget to ensure proper funding for organizations that keep us safe.

HONORING MODESTO POLICE CHIEF MIKE HARDEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Modesto Police Chief Mike Harden, who will be retiring on August 3, 2012, after serving in law enforcement for nearly three decades.

As a teenager, Chief Harden began volunteering as an Explorer; and as soon as he was able, he applied to the police academy. Chief Mike Harden began his career as a patrol officer at Modesto Police Department and, for the last 28 years, has worked his way through the ranks. He served as Assistant Police Chief from November of 2003 to June of 2009, when he was named Acting Chief of Police. His permanent appointment to Chief of Police occurred in February of 2010.

Chief Harden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class, the WestPoint Leadership Program at the Los Angeles Police Department, and California Command College. He has lived in Modesto since 1970 and is a graduate of Modesto's Davis High School.

Harden has committed himself to a focus of sustained crime reduction efforts, especially in the area of gang violence. He set a goal for lower crime rates, which the Department met after he was appointed. Chief Harden instituted several internal changes to the organization to better address the crime and gang violence and attributed critical partnerships with businesses, non-profits, and citizens as a significant key to his successful approach to curbing criminal activity. Chief Harden has done a great job reorganizing the Police Department, delivering positive results for our community while implementing 25-percent reduction in staffing levels.

Modesto's Fallen Officers Memorial wall was erected and dedicated under Chief Harden's leadership. This wall was a community driven effort and honors Modesto officers who died in the line of duty. Chief Harden has also developed a new mission and vision statement focusing on serving the Modesto community with professionalism, pride, and integrity for the Modesto Police Department.

Chief Harden has committed his life to serving the Modesto community every day and has worked diligently to keep its residents and their property safe. Chief Harden has been an outstanding and highly effective Police Chief whose quiet and steady leadership is an excellent example of how to serve others. While his service has been greatly appreciated and will be missed, I am confident that his leadership and example will continue to serve and protect Modesto long into the future.

Chief Harden is married to Lori and they have two children: Brad, a Naval Academy graduate, and their daughter, Lindsey, who is currently attending college at UC Davis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement and the Modesto community by Chief of Police Mike Harden and wishing him continued success in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE MAC- ARTHUR MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS MILITARY HISTORY

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History on the opening of their newest exhibit, "Vietnam: America's Conflict."

I am proud to represent the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, which is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Museum opened to the public in May 2001 and is located in the historic Arsenal Building of the Little Rock Arsenal.

The Arsenal Building was constructed in 1840, and it is the only surviving remnant of the original Little Rock Arsenal and one of central Arkansas's oldest structures.

The future General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, was born in the Arsenal Building while his father, Captain Arthur MacArthur, was stationed in Little Rock.

Through its displays and exhibits as well as its outreach into the community, the MacArthur Museum provides insight into Arkansas's rich military history and tradition—from its territorial period until present.

The Museum stands as a memorial to the proud history and dedication of Arkansas's men and women who served in and supported our nation's armed forces both at home and abroad.

The newest exhibit, "Vietnam: America's Conflict," which will open on Friday, July 27, 2012, will examine the origins and conflicts of the Vietnam war and the contributions our state and its citizens made. It will also honor the 600 gallant Arkansans who lost their lives during the Vietnam war.

The MacArthur Museum stands as a memorial to the brave men and women who, throughout our history, have sacrificed—some making the ultimate sacrifice—out of their desire to serve our Nation. Each visitor, through their presence at the Museum, extends their gratitude and honors these Arkansans.

I congratulate the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History on its opening of this exciting exhibit, and I congratulate the men and women at the Museum who each day preserve Arkansas's proud military history and tradition so that it can be shared by this and future generations. It is an honor to represent you.